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POSITION OF THE RAILROADS THERE is much criticism of the railroads of the country in their refusal to go ahead with plans for the future pending the decision of the Interstate Commerce Commission as to whether or not the 5 per cent. increase in freight rates for which they ask will be granted.

Imagine yourself in the place of a railroad manager. Traffic is on the decrease. The tariff is having its effect on industries that do not need now the cars they demanded so insistently a year ago.

Put yourself in the position of that railroad manager and then ask yourself whether or not you would not be very cautious as to your expenditures. You would if you valued your job and the prosperity of your road.

THE BOY SCOUT MOVEMENT IT is interesting to note that the Boy Scout movement, instead of dying the death of a "fad," as it was predicted would happen, is steadily growing and has become part and parcel of everyday life.

While the movement is of great benefit to lads in the country and small towns, in the cities it is of inestimable value. The aim of the leaders of the Boy Scouts of America is to develop men of the type of the great men of history.

As the Scout the boy willingly adopts as real and vital the universally accepted principles of life set forth in the Scout oath and law. This effectively influences the boy's nature and character so the better to prepare him for that work which the church can best do.

nothing and makes the best use of his opportunities. A Scout is brave and does what he knows is right, in spite of jeers and threats. A Scout is clean in body and thought, stands for clean speech, clean sport, clean habits, and travels with a clean crowd.

Finally, the Scout has banished to the realms of forgotten fancies the mistaken notion so widely discussed when the organization was in its infancy that the Scout movement was intended to breed a race of military men.

Nelson O'Shaughnessy, the late charge d'affaires at Mexico City, says Huerta is a stubborn man, but denies that the Mexican dictator is a drunkard. In view of the attitude of some American officials in the Mexican matter stubbornness doesn't necessarily indicate drunkenness.

THE public school authorities have very properly decided to close the schools on June 15, when the 333 battleflags of the Commonwealth will be transferred from their long resting place in the State Library and Museum Building to their position of honor in the rotunda of the new Capitol.

The rotunda of the Capitol—through which thousands upon thousands of people pass every year—is the place for the old flags, and it is right that the school children of the city should be taught the new lesson of devotion to the flag that will be inculcated when the color-bearers who carried the standards through storms of death or snatched them falling from the dying hands that held them shall carry them lovingly and proudly to the position of honor which the State has accorded them.

It is entirely fitting that the school children of Harrisburg should have an important part in the ceremonies incident to the transfer of the battle flags of the State from their present location in the State Museum to the rotunda of the Capitol.

Without ceremony and heralded only by a line or two in the newspapers the first ship is passing through the Panama canal. The liner Pennsylvania has progressed through the big ditch from the Pacific side to Cristobal, within a stone's throw of the Atlantic end.

Later the building of the canal will be properly celebrated. Just now we should rejoice in the fact that the great task undertaken by America after failure by the French has been completed, that the theories of our engineers have been worked out in splendid fashion by the efficient organization at work upon the isthmus.

When you approach the Capitol you see a standing army of men in uniforms and they are the mark guards and guides, enough to fight a battle. This is a sample of the sort of stuff which is being submitted to the people for serious consideration by the Harrisburg candidate of the Democracy for Governor.

Owing to the late Spring it is probable that the outdoor work of the city, most of which is under contract, will be greatly retarded, and this fact should emphasize the importance of preparing in every possible way for immediate operations as soon as the conditions are more favorable.

EVENING CHAT

The Engineers' Society of Pennsylvania, which is a state-wide organization and rapidly becoming known for its important work in behalf of science and industry as well as better living conditions, is to have a dinner of rather unusual interest to the people of this vicinity on Friday night.

Wistaria, which vies for loveliness with the dogwood and the apple blossom for delicacy of color as a Spring flower, is blooming on a number of homes in Harrisburg. Some of the vines, which are covered with flowers, are twenty or thirty years old and they appear to have no effect upon their beauty.

People at the Capitol are inclined to sit up and take notice of the new Economy and Efficiency Commission, which has started an investigation into conditions on the "Hill" which means business. When the commission met to determine how to do the most important thing in the world, it was to send out letters to the various departments asking number, duties and salaries of employees.

People connected with industrial plants in this section of the State and especially those who have to do with the iron and steel business are taking notice of a move just made by the Cambria Steel Company to ascertain the number and circumstances as well as duties of its 16,000 employees in anticipation of the enactment of a workmen's compensation law.

Among visitors to the city are Judge John M. Garman, of Luzerne county; C. S. L. Tringley, head of the American Railways company, and J. V. Bell, prominent resident of DuBois.

Well Known People Judge Francis J. O'Connor, of Cambria county, presided at the banquet of State Knights of Columbus. Mayor Ira Strawn, of Reading, and the members of the city council will go to the water works convention at Philadelphia to discuss their problems.

Political Sidelights Bryan always did seem able to stir up trouble among Pennsylvania Democrats. Reorganizers who remember what happened when Bryan went into New Jersey are having chills to-day.

News Dispatches of the Civil War [From the Telegraph, May 13, 1864.] Capture Rebel General Washington, May 13, 12 M.—Senator Nesmith has received information that Lee's army has captured 4,000 prisoners and 40 guns.

An Evening Thought Too low they build, who build beneath the stars.—Young.

BRIDGES ANGRERS PARTISANS

Democrats Indignant at Butting Into State Affairs on Part of the Administration

REORGANIZERS ARE WORRIED

Afraid That Bryan Visit May Prove Boomerang; Palmer Forced on Defensive

Announcement that Secretary of State William Jennings Bryan will desert his departmental duties at Washington to-morrow to come into Pennsylvania to make speeches in behalf of a Democratic factional ticket appears to have put the finishing touches to the breach in the Pennsylvania Democracy.

The situation is viewed at Washington according to special dispatches with the greatest concern by the President and his official family who are already worried by Mexico and other things.

The warring Democratic candidates held forth in Schuylkill and Butler counties, where McCormick's caravan toured parts of Schuylkill and Northumberland counties and to put it mildly, found that they were in the enemy's country.

Senator Penrose, who spoke yesterday and last night in Philadelphia, will tour a number of eastern counties to-day and then go into central Pennsylvania, coming here on Monday.

Expense accounts of candidates for Congress in Pennsylvania, mailed Saturday and received yesterday, which are accepted as complying with the corrupt practices act requiring the filing of such accounts within ten days of election, include:

Congressman-at-Large—J. R. K. Scott, Republican, \$309.75; W. D. B. Aney, Republican, nothing; John J. Logan, Republican, \$868.83; Samuel I. Stover, Republican, \$36.63; Charles N. Crosby, Democrat, \$806.25; John S. Shirley, Democrat, \$8.62; Samuel E. Shull, Democrat, nothing; William Meyers, Democrat, nothing; M. J. Cain, Democrat, nothing.

The Philadelphia Keystone party county committee, with S. McQuat in the chair, last evening endorsed these candidates: For United States senator, J. Benjamin Dimmick, Lackawanna; for congressman, Charles N. Brumm, Schuylkill; for Lieutenant Governor, William T. Creasy, Columbia; for Secretary of Internal Affairs, Henry Houck, Lebanon.

IN HARRISBURG FIFTY YEARS AGO TO-DAY [From the Telegraph, May 13, 1864.] Ordered to Front The One Hundred and Eighty-fourth Regiment of the Pennsylvania Volunteers has been ordered to the front and are expected to leave to-day.

OUR DAILY LAUGH



Another Marine Disaster "Her hopes of marrying the Duke de Broke were dashed to pieces on the rocks." "On what rocks?" "On the rocks her father sunk in Wall Street."

A New Line "Why has your daughter dropped her hospital work so soon?" "She found nurse poor patients for two years before they entrusted her with any malignancies. So she's going on the stage in musical comedy."

"DO IT NOW" By Wing Dinger How doth the little buzzing fly Spread danger every minute? By walking 'round the food we eat And putting his feet in it.

WAR OF SERVICE TO MANKIND [From the New York Sun] In President Wilson's finely phrased tribute to the dead of Vera Cruz there is one paragraph which stands forth with almost startling distinctness:

"We have gone down to Mexico to serve mankind if we can find out the way. We do not want to fight the Mexicans. We want to serve the Mexicans if we can, because we know how we would like to be served if there were friends standing by free to serve us. A war of aggression is not a war in which it is a proud thing to die, but a



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